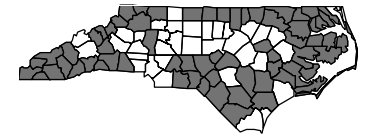


Nonmetropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 65

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	3,471
Primary Care Physicians	1,699
<i>Family Practice</i>	685
<i>General Practice</i>	77
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	515
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	199
<i>Pediatrics</i>	223
Other Specialties	1,772
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.5
Federal Physicians**	41

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	760
Dental Hygienists	866

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	18,572
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	409
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	51
Licensed Practical Nurses	6,544

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	266
Optometrists	254
Pharmacists	1,703
Physical Therapists	656
Physical Therapist Assistants	527
Physician Assistants	482
Podiatrists	55
Practicing Psychologists	203
Psychological Associates	249

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	1,861,412	421,350	1,128,986	311,076
Nonwhite	750,845	243,344	434,353	73,148
Total	2,612,257	664,694	1,563,339	384,224
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.4%	59.8%	14.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	1,183,663
Employed 2000	1,121,510
Unemployed 2000	62,153
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	5.3
Per Capita Income 1999	\$21,768
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	509,831

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	34,662	Total Pregnancies	41,259	Total Pregnancy Rate	80.8
Resident Deaths	27,108	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	7,020	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	86.3
% Births <2500 gms.	9.2				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.4	White	8.2	Nonwhite	15.3
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges ⁺	355,577	General Hospital Beds ⁺⁺	6,487	Nursing Facility Beds	16,322
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*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status; inactive are excluded.

**Includes NC Medical Board licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

[‡] 2000 dentist and hygienist data will be released in a separate supplement that will follow this report. See <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/hp>.

⁺Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute care short stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

⁺⁺Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.